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## 2004 Crop Values

**UTAH:** The preliminary value of principal crops including field crops, fruits, and vegetables produced in Utah during 2004 was \$282.6 million, up 2.1 percent from the 2003 crop year, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2004 all hay crop was valued at \$213.5 million, up 6.8 percent from the 2003 value. The price per ton was up \$6.00 to \$87.50. Alfalfa hay was valued at \$186.2 million, up 4.2 percent from the 2003 value. The price per ton was \$87.50, up \$5.50 from the previous year. All other hay was valued at \$27.3 million, up 29.4 percent from the previous year. Oats, valued at \$1.1 million was down slightly from 2003. The price of \$1.80 per bushel was down 50 cents from the previous year. Barley was valued at \$7.7 million, up 20.2 percent from the 2003 crop. The average price of \$2.25 per bushel was down 5 cents from 2003. The all wheat crop, at \$21.2 million, was down 6.8 percent. The price per bushel at \$3.65 was down 35 cents from last year. Winter wheat was valued at \$18.3 million, down 9.5 percent from 2003. The average price per bushel for winter wheat was \$3.55, a decrease of 40 cents from the previous year. Spring wheat was valued at \$2.9 million, up 15 percent from last year. The average price per bushel for other spring wheat, at \$4.15 per bushel, was down 40 cents. Corn for grain was valued at \$4.93 million, down 18.2 percent from the previous year. The average price per bushel, at \$2.65, was down 34 cents from 2003. Dry edible beans was valued at \$392,000, an increase of \$104,000 from 2003. The dry bean price was valued at \$28.00 per cwt, up \$10.00 from 2003.

**UNITED STATES:** Nationally, the value of principal crops totaled \$103.8 billion, down 2.7 percent from 2003. The value of principal crops compared with 2003 is as follows: all hay \$12.2 billion, up 1.6 percent; alfalfa hay \$7.0 billion, up 3.8 percent; all other hay \$5.22 billion, down 1.2 percent; oats \$168 million, down 25.3 percent; barley \$694.0 million, down 8.1 percent; all wheat \$7.2 billion, down 9.3 percent; winter wheat \$4.92 billion, down 12.2 percent; other spring wheat \$1.93 billion, down slightly; corn for grain \$23.0 billion, down 5.9 percent; dry edible beans \$444.8 million, up 5.2 percent.

## U.S. Cold Storage Highlights

**Frozen food stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on January 31, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, fruit, vegetables, and beef. Butter stocks were up 69 percent from last month, but down 50 percent from a year ago. **Total red meat supplies** in freezers were down 1 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 3 percent from last month, but down 1 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 13 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. **Total frozen poultry supplies** on January 31, 2005 were 3 percent below the previous month, but 2 percent above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 11 percent from the previous month, but up 19 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 18 percent from last month, but down 19 percent from January 31, 2004.

### Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	Jan 31, 2004	Dec 31, 2004	Jan 31, 2005
1,000 Pounds			
Eggs . . . . .	21,304	19,112	18,729
Chicken . . . . .	534,901	716,180	636,346
Turkey . . . . .	420,466	288,357	339,314
Total Poultry . . . . .	956,851	1,005,200	976,054
Beef . . . . .	434,354	484,276	456,213
Pork . . . . .	504,110	482,852	498,618
Lamb & Mutton . . . . .	3,671	3,497	3,630
Total Red Meat . . . . .	953,708	979,037	965,819
Cheese, Natural . . . . .			
American . . . . .	518,113	481,077	484,378
Swiss . . . . .	25,244	25,956	25,740
Other Natural . . . . .	213,575	198,757	201,551
Butter . . . . .	152,448	44,988	76,111
Cherries, Tart . . . . .			
RTP . . . . .	60,825	76,570	67,993
Juice . . . . .	1,308	1,259	1,316
Cherries, Sweet . . . . .	6,039	8,237	8,059
Apples, Fresh . . . . .	3,382,961	5,186,988	4,414,853
Potatoes . . . . .	1,167,259	1,074,819	1,171,037

## 2004 Annual Milk Production Up 0.2 Percent from 2003

The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2004 was 170.8 billion pounds, 0.2 percent above 2003. Revisions to 2003 production increased the annual total 82 million pounds. Revised 2004 production was up 0.2 percent or 323 million pounds from last month's publication. **Production per cow** in the U.S. averaged 18,957 pounds for 2004, 197 pounds above 2003. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 16 percent from 1995. **The average number of milk cows on farms** in the U.S. during 2004 was 9.01 million head, down 0.8 percent from 2003. The average number of milk cows was revised down 1,000 head for 2003, and up 1,000 head for 2004.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, United States, 2003-2004

State	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change From 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AL	18	17	14,000	20,882	252	245	-2.8
AK	1.3	1.2	12,846	12,167	16.70	14.60	-12.6
AZ	155	160	22,916	22,788	3,552	3,646	2.6
AR	29	24	12,207	13,250	354	318	-10.2
CA	1,688	1,725	20,993	21,139	35,437	36,465	2.9
CO	100	102	21,530	21,412	2,153	2,184	1.4
CT	22	20	18,773	19,600	413	392	-5.1
DE	8.3	7.4	15,904	17,230	132.0	127.5	-3.4
FL	142	138	15,218	16,326	2,161	2,253	4.3
GA	85	84	16,988	16,857	1,444	1,416	-1.9
HI	6.5	6.1	14,154	13,197	92.0	80.5	-12.5
ID	404	424	21,718	21,446	8,774	9,093	3.6
IL	111	107	18,441	18,486	2,047	1,978	-3.4
IN	149	150	19,725	19,747	2,939	2,962	0.8
IA	201	193	18,955	19,912	3,810	3,843	0.9
KS	111	113	19,189	19,611	2,130	2,216	4.0
KY	116	110	12,629	12,936	1,465	1,423	-2.9
LA	43	38	12,070	12,605	519	479	-7.7
ME	35	34	17,829	18,000	624	612	-1.9
MD	78	74	15,577	15,703	1,215	1,162	-4.4
MA	19	17	17,474	17,412	332	296	-10.8
MI	302	303	21,109	20,842	6,375	6,315	-0.9
MN	473	463	17,459	17,499	8,258	8,102	-1.9
MS	31	27	13,645	14,037	423	379	-10.4
MO	129	122	14,620	15,139	1,886	1,847	-2.1
MT	18	18	19,167	19,278	345	347	0.6
NE	64	61	17,641	17,230	1,129	1,051	-6.9
NV	25	25	19,400	20,360	485	509	4.9
NH	16	16	19,063	18,875	305	302	-1.0
NJ	13	12	16,615	16,667	216	200	-7.4
NM	317	326	21,028	20,583	6,666	6,710	0.7
NY	671	655	17,812	17,786	11,952	11,650	-2.5
NC	61	57	17,115	17,649	1,044	1,006	-3.6
ND	35	34	14,857	15,471	520	526	1.2
OH	260	263	17,269	17,338	4,490	4,560	1.6
OK	82	78	16,000	16,192	1,312	1,263	-3.7
OR	119	120	18,294	18,917	2,177	2,270	4.3
PA	575	562	17,979	17,904	10,338	10,062	-2.7
RI	1.3	1.2	17,000	16,333	22.1	19.6	-11.3
SC	19	17	16,737	16,882	318	287	-9.7
SD	82	80	16,220	16,838	1,330	1,347	1.3
TN	79	75	15,253	15,400	1,205	1,155	-4.1
TX	319	319	17,649	18,837	5,630	6,009	6.7
UT	91	88	17,824	18,284	1,622	1,609	-0.8
VT	149	145	17,698	17,821	2,637	2,584	-2.0
VA	113	105	15,319	16,486	1,731	1,731	
WA	245	237	22,780	22,852	5,581	5,416	-3.0
WV	15	13	14,400	14,923	216	194	-10.2
WI	1,256	1,241	17,728	17,796	22,266	22,085	-0.8
WY	3.8	4.3	14,211	14,744	54.0	63.4	17.4
US <sup>3</sup>	9,083	9,010	18,760	18,957	170,394	170,805	0.2

<sup>1</sup> Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> May not add due to rounding.

## Farm Labor

**MOUNTAIN REGION II:** (includes Utah, Nevada, and Colorado): During the week of January 9 -15, 2005 there were 17,000 workers hired by farm operators in the region. All hired workers (excluding Agricultural Service Workers) were paid an average wage of \$9.93 per hour, up 53 cents from October 2004 and 12 cents higher than the national average. Field workers received \$7.37 per hour on average, down 95 cents from October 2004. Livestock workers received \$9.65 per hour, up 70 cents from October 2004.

574,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 175,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.81 per hour during the January 2005 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.73 per hour, up 34 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.19 per hour compared with \$8.83 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.91 per hour, was up 36 cents from last year.

**UNITED STATES:** There were 749,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2005, down 12 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers,

### Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region and United States, January 9-15, 2005 <sup>1</sup>

U.S. and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less		Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Hours per Week	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour
Mountain I <sup>2</sup>	12	11	1	38.1	9.42	8.82	8.95	9.76
Mountain II <sup>3</sup>	17	15	2	43.4	7.37	9.65	8.83	9.93
Mountain III <sup>4</sup>	19	17	2	45.2	7.70	8.41	8.02	8.61
US	574	478	96	36.8	8.73	9.19	8.91	9.81

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Mountain I - Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. <sup>3</sup> Mountain II - Colorado, Nevada and Utah. <sup>4</sup> Mountain III - Arizona and New Mexico.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on February 1, 2005. The inventory was 2 percent above February 1, 2004 and 6 percent above February 1, 2003. **Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 1.89 million, 7 percent above 2004 but 10 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.81 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 458,000, 700-799 pounds were 628,000,

and 800 pounds and greater were 419,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 10 percent from 2003. **Other disappearance** totaled 74,000 during January, 21 percent below 2004 and 1 percent below 2003.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, United States, February 1, 2003- 2005

Item	Number			2005 as % of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004
	..... 1,000 Head .....			..... Percent .....	
On Feed Jan 1 <sup>1</sup>	10,658	11,253	*11,299	106	100
Placed on Feed during Jan	2,089	*1,754	1,885	90	107
Fed Cattle Marketed during Jan	1,972	*1,775	1,776	90	100
Other Disappearance during Jan <sup>2</sup>	75	94	74	99	79
On Feed Feb 1 <sup>1</sup>	10,700	*11,138	11,334	106	102

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \* Revised

## 2004 Egg Production

**UTAH:** Utah egg production for the year 2004 totaled 831 million eggs, down 4 percent from 2003. Layer numbers during 2004 averaged 3,182 million, down 5 percent from the previous year. The annual average production for 2004 was 261 eggs per layer, two eggs per layer more than 2003.

Total Utah chicken inventory on December 1, 2004 totaled 3.9 million, remained virtually the same as December 1, 2003. The average value per head was \$1.30, one dollar less than December 1, 2003. The 2004 inventory value was \$5.0 million, down 44 percent from 2003.

**UNITED STATES:** Layer numbers during 2004 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2004 was 260 eggs, up slightly from the 2003 average of 259. Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2004 totaled a record high 89.1 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 2003. Table egg production, at 76.2 billion eggs, was up 2 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.9 billion eggs, up slightly from 2003. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2004 (excluding commercial broilers) was 454 million birds, up 1 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2004 was \$1.12 billion, up slightly from December 1, 2003. The average value decreased from \$2.48 per bird on December 1, 2003, to \$2.47 per bird on December 1, 2004.